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BEGIN SUMMARY: DRAFT OF VICE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH TO BE
GIVEN AT THE EAST-WEST CENTER ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 10,
FOLLOWS. REQUEST ANY COMMENTS WITHIN 24 HOURS.
CONCLUDING SECTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS WILL FOLLOW. END
SUMMARY.

1. CHANCELLOR KLEINJANS AND DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, I AM
DELIGHTED TO BE WITH YOU TODAY. I HAVE JUST COMPLETED A
TRIP TO SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AT THE
REQUEST OF PRESIDENT CARTER IN ORDER TO ADDRESS ASIAN
CONCERNS AND TO ASSERT NEW DIRECTIONS IN OUR OWN POLICIES.
I WANT TO REPORT TO YOU ON THIS MISSION. IT IS FITTING
THAT I DO SO AT THIS GREAT ACADEMIC CENTER, WHICH IS
DEDICATED TO PROMOTING GREATER UNDERSTANDING AMONG THE
PEOPLES OF THE PACIFIC.

2. HAVING COMPLETED WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE
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LEADERS OF THE PHILIPPINES, THAILAND, INDONESIA, AUSTRALIA
AND NEW ZEALAND, I PARTICULARLY WISH TO DISCUSS OUR
INVOLVEMENT IN THAT PART OF THE PACIFIC. BUT IT IS OBVIOUS
THAT THESE NATIONS ARE PART OF A BROADER PACIFIC
COMMUNITY OF WHICH WE ARE A PART AND IN WHOSE FUTURE WE
HAVE A DECISIVE STAKE.

3. FOR TWO DECADES, OUR INVOLVEMENT IN SOUTHEAST ASIA SURPASSED OUR ROLE IN VIRTUALLY EVERY OTHER PART OF THE GLOBE. IT FINALLY TOUCHED NOT ONLY EVERY CORNER OF THE REGION, BUT EVERY FAMILY IN AMERICA.

4. WHEN THAT ERA ENDED WITH THE COLLAPSE OF SAIGON ALMOST EXACTLY THREE YEARS AGO, MANY AMERICANS UNDERSTANDABLY WANTED TO TURN THEIR ATTENTION AWAY FROM SOUTHEAST ASIA. OUR MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE REGION DECLINED. AID LEVELS DROPPED, AND FOR SEVERAL YEARS HIGH LEVEL AMERICAN VISITORS WERE FEW AND FAR BETWEEN. THESE DEVELOPMENTS INDUCED DEEP-SEATED--AND PERHAPS JUSTIFIED--CONCERNS THAT THE US WOULD IN FACT PULL OUT OF THE AREA.

5. IT IS CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT ALL THE NON-COMMUNIST COUNTRIES OF THE REGION WANT US TO MAINTAIN A VISIBLE PRESENCE, INCLUDING A SECURITY ROLE CENTERED ON US NAVAL AND AIR FORCES, A STRONG ECONOMIC ROLE, AND AN ACTIVE DIPLOMACY.

6. THE PROBLEM THAT CHALLENGES THE US, THEREFORE, IS TO FASHION A POLICY TOWARD SOUTHEAST ASIA THAT SERVES AMERICAN INTERESTS IN A SETTING OF RAPIDLY CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES. WE ARE SEEKING TO REDEFINE A PROPER BALANCE AND LEVEL FOR THE AMERICAN PRESENCE AND INVOLVEMENT IN THAT REGION.

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7. THIS IS NOT AN EASY TASK. BUT WE BELIEVE WE HAVE BEGUN TO DEFINE OUR ROLE IN TERMS WHICH SERVE OUR INTERESTS AND ACCOMMODATE LOCAL CONCERNS; WHICH REFLECT AN UNDERSTANDING OF SOUTHEAST ASIA LESS COLORED BY PAST TRAUMAS; AND WHICH INTEGRATES NEW EMPHASES IN THE ADMINISTRATION'S FOREIGN POLICY INTO OUR REGIONAL APPROACH.

8. AMERICA'S STAKE IN THE PACIFIC: IN EACH CAPITAL I VISITED I REAFFIRMED ONE CENTRAL PROPOSITION; AMERICA IS UNALTERABLY A PACIFIC POWER. FOR US, THIS IS A NATURAL CONDITION. AMERICAN TERRITORIES ARE LOCATED IN THE PACIFIC. AMERICA HAS EXTENSIVE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND SECURITY INTEREST IN ASIA. OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH KEY ASIAN NATIONS ARE CENTRAL TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR GLOBAL POLICY.

--OUR KEY ASIAN ALLIANCES CONTRIBUTE TO A FAVORABLE GLOBAL BALANCE OF POWER. WE WILL PRESERVE THEM.

--THE FREEDOM OF THE SEA LANES IN THE PACIFIC ARE VITAL TO THE SECURITY AND WELL-BEING OF THE US AND ALL

MARITIME POWERS. WE WILL PROTECT THEM.

--OUR TRADING TIES WITH THE PACIFIC BASIN NATIONS ARE
CRUCIAL TO THE HEALTH OF OUR OWN ECONOMY. THIS
COMMERCE IS NOW LARGER THAN OUR TRADE WITH ALL OF WESTERN
EUROPE AND IS GROWING FASTER. WE WILL EXPAND THIS TRADE.

--OUR LIVES ARE ENRICHED THROUGH CULTURAL EXCHANGES WITH

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THE PACIFIC NATIONS. WHEREVER ONE LOOKS IN AMERICA--
WHETHER AT OUR CONSUMER PRODUCTS, OUR AESTHETIC TASTES,
OR OUR METAPHYSICAL CONCEPTS, THE IMPACT OF ASIA IS
APPARENT--AND NOWHERE MORE THAN HERE IN HAWAII. I HAVE
JUST WITNESSED THE PERVASIVE INFLUENCE OF AMERICAN
CULTURE ON ASIA. THE EXCHANGE OF PEOPLE AND IDEAS ACROSS
THE PACIFIC IS A TWO-WAY STREET. WE WILL DEEPEN THESE
LINKS.

9. THE ISSUE IS NOT WHETHER TO SUSTAIN OUR INVOLVEMENT
IN THE PACIFIC, BUT RATHER HOW TO SHAPE OUR INVOLVEMENT
TO ASSURE THE RIGHT BALANCE BETWEEN OUR DESIRE TO
PRESERVE SECURITY AND TO PROMOTE CONSTRUCTIVE CHANGE;
BETWEEN OUR HABIT OF RELYING ON GOVERNMENTAL ACTION
AND OUR NEED TO STIMULATE THE ACTIVITIES OF OUR PRIVATE
SECTOR, BETWEEN THE NECESSITIES OF POWER AND THE CLAIMS OF
PRINCIPLE.

10. THE CURRENT SETTING: I LAST VISITED SOUTHEAST ASIA
IN 1966. DURING THAT UNHAPPY PERIOD SOUTHEAST ASIA
BECAME SYNONYMOUS FOR MANY AMERICANS WITH VIOLENCE, COUPS,
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COUNTERCOUPS, CORRUPTION, AND COMMUNAL STRIFE.

--SOUTHEAST ASIA WAS TORN BY BITTER IDEOLOGICAL
STRUGGLES. CONFLICT AND INSTABILITY WERE PERVASIVE.
THE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK WAS HOPEFUL BUT MARKED BY
UNCERTAINTIES. REGIONAL COOPERATION WAS MERELY AN ASPIRA-
TION. CHINA INSPIRED FEAR AMONG ITS NEIGHBORS. JAPAN
PURSUED A NARROW DIPLOMACY DOMINATED BY COMMERCIAL
INTERESTS. MOST OF THE SMALL NON-COMMUNIST STATES IN THE
REGION WERE EXCESSIVELY DEPENDENT ON THE US, AND THE
VERY OBTRUSIVENESS OF OUR PRESENCE INVITED EXCESSIVE
MEDDLING IN THEIR INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

--WHAT I HAVE SEEN IN THE PAST TEN DAYS REVEALS DRAMATI-
CALLY HOW FAR SOUTHEAST ASIA--AND WE--HAVE TRAVELED IN
A FEW SHORT YEARS. THE UNITED STATES IS AT PEACE IN ASIA,
AND THE REGION IS SURPRISINGLY TRANQUIL. OLD IDEOLOGICAL
STRUGGLES HAVE LOST THEIR FORCE, NATIONALISM HAS
TRIUMPHED OVER ALL COMPETING IDEOLOGIES, AND THE MOST
INTENSE REGIONAL RIVALRIES NOW PIT COMMUNIST NATIONS
AGAINST EACH OTHER.

11. THE PACIFIC BASIN HAS BECOME THE MOST DYNAMIC
ECONOMIC ZONE IN THE WORLD; ITS PROSPERITY IS SHARED
BY ALL EXCEPT THOSE NATIONS THAT HAVE REJECTED THE MARKET
SYSTEM. THE ERA OF GREAT POWER DOMINATION AND PATERNALISM
HAS GIVEN WAY TO AN ERA OF MORE MATURE AND EQUITABLE
PARTNERSHIP. REGIONAL COOPERATION IS NO LONGER A MERE
SLOGAN. THERE HAS BEEN REAL SUBSTANTIVE ACCOMPLISHMENT.
ECONOMIC AND NOT STRATEGIC ISSUES ARE NOW THE PRIME
CONCERNS OF MOST GOVERNMENTS IN THE AREA.

12. THESE ARE HOPEFUL TRENDS. THEY CONVINCE ME THAT OUR
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PROSPECTS FOR DEVELOPING AND SUSTAINING EFFECTIVE
RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE NATIONS OF THE PACIFIC HAVE NEVER
BEEN MORE PROMISING. THEY CHALLENGE US TO COMBINE OUR
TRADITIONAL CONCERNS ABOUT SECURITY WITH AN IMAGINATIVE
ASSAULT ON A NEWER AGENDA--ASSURING ADEQUATE FOOD SUPPLIES

FOR ASIA'S GROWING POPULATION; DEVELOPING ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF ENERGY TO SUPPORT CONTINUED GROWTH; PROMOTING NEW PATTERNS OF REGIONAL COOPERATION WHICH ENCOURAGE THE RECONCILIATION OF FORMER ADVERSARIES; AND NURTURING THE WIDER OBSERVANCE OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS.

13. THE SECURITY DIMENSION: IF WE REMAIN STRONG IN THE PACIFIC, OUR SECURITY POSITION IN EUROPE AND ELSEWHERE WILL BE ENHANCED. IF OUR POSITION IN ASIA DETERIORATES, THE CONSEQUENCES WILL NOT BE CONFINED TO THAT AREA.

14. YET THE NATURE OF OUR SECURITY ROLE IS CHANGING. AND WE MUST DEFINE OUR RESPONSIBILITIES WITH GREATER CLARITY, AND TAILOR OUR ROLE TO THE CHANGING SECURITY PROBLEMS IN THE REGION. WE MUST BALANCE ASIA'S NEED FOR A STRATEGIC US PRESENCE WITH OUR INTEREST IN PROMOTING THE GROWING SELF RELIANCE OF OUR FRIENDS.

15. CLEARLY THE FOCUS OF OUR SECURITY CONCERNS IS SHARPEST IN NORTHEAST ASIA WHERE THE INTERESTS OF ALL THE MAJOR POWERS DIRECTLY INTERSECT. BUT WE CANNOT DRAW A HORIZONTAL LINE ACROSS THE PACIFIC, AND ASSUME THAT WHAT HAPPENS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA WILL NOT AFFECT JAPAN AND KOREA. IT WILL. AND IN ANY EVENT WE HAVE IMPORTANT INTRINSIC INTERESTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

--IT IS RICH IN RESOURCES AND OFFERS THE UNITED STATES A LARGE AND GROWING MARKET.

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--IT SITS ASTRIDE SEA LANES THROUGH WHICH MIDDLE EAST OIL
FLOWS TO JAPAN AND TO OUR WEST COAST.

--ACCESS TO PHILIPPINE BASES ENHANCES OUR STRATEGIC FLEXI-
BILITY, AND OUR ANZUS TIES CONTRIBUTE TO THE STABILITY
OF THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC.

--THE INDEPENDENCE AND WELL-BEING OF FRIENDS AND ALLIES
IN THE AREA REMAIN IMPORTANT TO US.

16. FORTUNATELY, OUR FRIENDS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA ARE NO
LONGER ENGAGED IN LARGE-SCALE ARMED STRUGGLES. BUT
MANY STATES IN THE REGION REMAIN PLAGUED BY SERIOUS
INTERNAL CONFLICTS. VIETNAMESE AMBITIONS IN THE AREA
REMAIN UNCLEAR. AND SINO-SOVIET COMPETITION GENERATES
UNCERTAINTIES AND PRESSURES ON THE SMALLER POWERS.

17. REFLECTING THESE CONCERNS, THE NON-COMMUNIST
NATIONS CONTINUE TO LOOK TO THE UNITED STATES FOR HELP.
THEY ARE NOT SEEKING OUR DIRECT MILITARY INVOLVEMENT,
WHICH THEY CONSIDER NEITHER DESIRABLE NOR NECESSARY.

18. THEY DO WANT US TO SUSTAIN A STRATEGIC PRESENCE,
WHICH SERVES AS A USEFUL DETERRENT AND A SOURCE OF
PSYCHOLOGICAL REASSURANCE. THEY WANT US TO SUPPLY
ESSENTIAL DEFENSE ARTICLES, THUS ENABLING THEM TO
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OBTAIN PRIORITY REQUIREMENTS WITHOUT DIVERTING
RESOURCES TO INEFFICIENT LOCAL DEFENSE INDUSTRIES. THEY
WANT US TO PROVIDE DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT TO ASSIST THEIR
EFFORTS TO AVOID BEING DRAWN INTO THE RIVALRIES OF OTHER
GREAT POWERS.

19. WITH THESE CONCERNS IN MIND, I AFFIRMED AT EACH
STOP ON MY TRIP AMERICA'S INTENT TO MAINTAIN OUR
MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL SECURITY COMMITMENTS AND
TO PRESERVE BALANCED AND FLEXIBLE MILITARY STRENGTH
IN THE PACIFIC. OUR FRIENDS DESIRE THIS; POTENTIAL
ADVERSARIES EXPECT IT.

--IN THE PHILIPPINES I DISCUSSED WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS
AMENDMENTS TO OUR EXISTING MILITARY BASE AGREEMENT WHICH
CAN STABILIZE OUR CONTINUED USE OF THESE KEY MILITARY

FACILITIES ON TERMS WHICH FULLY RESPECT PHILIPPINE SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE BASES.

--IN INDONESIA AND THAILAND I EMPHASIZED OUR INTENT TO REMAIN A RELIABLE SUPPLIER OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT EVEN AS WE ATTEMPT TO ENCOURAGE GREATER RESTRAINT IN THE FIELD OF ARMS TRANSFERS. I CONFIRMED OUR WILLINGNESS TO DELIVER F-5 AIRCRAFT TO THAILAND AND A-4 AIRCRAFT TO INDONESIA. THESE SYSTEMS ENABLE OUR FRIENDS TO ENHANCE THEIR SELF-RELIANCE WITHOUT THREATENING THEIR NEIGHBORS.

--IN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND I REAFFIRMED OUR COMMITMENT TO ANZUS AND MADE IT CLEAR THAT ANY INDIAN OCEAN ARMS LIMITATIONS ARRANGEMENTS WE MAY NEGOTIATE WITH THE SOVIETS WILL NOT IMPAIR OUR ABILITY TO SUPPORT THESE COMMITMENTS.

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--TO ALL THOSE WITH WHOM I SPOKE, I REITERATED OUR DETERMINATION NOT TO INTERVENE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS, AND OUR INTENT TO RESIST SUCH INTERVENTION BY OTHER OUTSIDE POWERS.

20. ADDRESSING THE NEW AGENDA

SECURITY CANNOT BE ASSURED BY MILITARY MEANS ALONE. IN MY CONVERSATIONS WITH ASIAN LEADERS LAST WEEK IT WAS APPARENT THAT THEY ALL RECOGNIZE THAT NATIONAL RESILIENCE, ECONOMIC GROWTH, SOCIAL JUSTICE, AND REGIONAL COOPERATION PROVIDE THE ESSENTIAL FOUNDATIONS FOR SECURITY. I EMPHASIZED OUR DESIRE TO SUPPORT THEIR EFFORTS TO HELP THEMSELVES--PARTICULARLY IN DEVELOPING THEIR ECONOMIC POTENTIAL.

21. AS IN THE SECURITY FIELD, OUR INTERESTS ARE ENDURING BUT THE NATURE OF OUR INVOLVEMENT IS UNDERGOING RAPID CHANGE. IT IS DIFFICULT TO OVERSTATE AMERICA'S ECONOMIC STAKE IN THE PACIFIC. TRADE AMONG THE PACIFIC BASIN NATIONS REACHED DOLS 61 BILLION LAST YEAR. OUR INVESTMENTS IN THE PACIFIC EXCEED DOLS 16 BILION, AND YIELD UNUSUALLY HIGH RETURNS. 40 PERCENT OF OUR IMPORTS OF MANUFACTURED GOODS COME FROM THE PACIFIC, A 6 PERCENT INCREASE SINCE 1975. AND THE REGION OFFERS A RELIABLE SOURCE OF CRITICAL INDUSTRIAL RAW MATERIALS.

22. FOR YEARS OUR ECONOMIC SUPPORT FOR ASIAN PACIFIC NATIONS WAS EXPRESSED IN MASSIVE INFUSIONS OF GRAND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. WE CONCENTRATED ESPECIALLY ON

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AIDING INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS TO HASTEN INDUSTRIALIZA-
TION. WE OFFERED RELATIVELY LIBERAL ACCESS TO OUR
MARKET, BUT UNTIL RECENTLY EXTENDED NO PREFERENTIAL
ACCESS TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

23. THESE PATTERNS OF SUPPORT ARE NO LONGER
APPROPRIATE NOR CHARACTERISTIC. OUR TRADE AND
INVESTMENT WITH SOUTHEAST ASIA HAVE MATURED
TO THE POINT WHERE WE BUY MORE THAN WE SELL; OUR
PRIVATE CAPITAL TRANSFERS EXCEED OUR AID; AND OUR
PURCHASES INCLUDE A GROWING PROPORTION OF MANUFACTURERS
AS OPPOSED TO RAW MATERIALS.

24. NOT SURPRISINGLY, THE CONCERNS I ENCOUNTERED ON
MY TRIP FOCUSED LESS ON BILATERAL AID LEVELS THAN ON
THE DILATORY QUALITY OF OUR REGULATORY PROCESSES,
THE INCENTIVES WE OFFER FOR PRIVATE INVESTMENT, AND
THE GROWTH OF PROTECTIONISM IN THE U.S. CONVERSELY,
THE ISSUES I RAISED WITH OUR ASIAN FRIENDS RELATED TO
OUR NEED JOINTLY TO FASHION NEW FORMS OF COOPERATION
TO EXPAND SOUTHEAST ASIAN FOOD PRODUCTIVITY, DEVELOP
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ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SUPPLIES, EXPAND TRADING OPPORTUNITIES, AND PROMOTE MORE EQUITABLE PATTERNS OF GROWTH. AT THE SAME TIME WE MUST LOOK FOR WAYS OF RELEASING THE CREATIVE ENERGIES OF THE AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY TO SUPPLEMENT GOVERNMENTAL EFFORTS IN THESE AREAS.

25. IN THE FUTURE THE FOLLOWING TASKS MUST CLAIM PRIORITY.

(1) WE MUST ASSURE THE CONTINUED EXPANSION OF OUR TRADE WITH THE PACIFIC NATIONS--AND OTHERS--THROUGH THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. ALL OF US WILL BENEFIT IF TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF BARRIERS TO TRADE ARE REDUCED; ALL OF US WILL SUFFER IF THE NEGOTIATIONS DO NOT SUCCEED. WE HAVE PUT FORWARD A GENEROUS OFFER IN GENEVA: WE EXPECT OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES--LIKE JAPAN--TO MATCH IT. WE CANNOT EXPECT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO EXTEND FULL RECIPROCITY IN THESE TALKS, BUT I DID URGE ASEAN LEADERS TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN GENEVA AND TO EXTEND TO AMERICAN EXPORTERS SOME ADDITIONAL CONCESSIONS.

(2) WE MUST HELP THE ASIAN NATIONS OVERCOME DEFICIENCIES IN THEIR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY. THE PACIFIC BASIN HAS SPECIAL ASSETS FOR DEALING WITH THIS ISSUE. THE THREE LARGEST GRAIN EXPORTERS IN THE WORLD BORDER ON THE PACIFIC. SO, TOO, DO SEVERAL OF THE LARGEST GRAIN IMPORTERS--FOR EXAMPLE, JAPAN AND INDONESIA. WHILE RAPID POPULATION GROWTH IS INCREASING FOOD REQUIREMENTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, ITS NATIONS ALSO HAVE CONSIDERABLE POTENTIAL FOR EXPANDING PRODUCTIVITY.

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I EMPHASIZED OUR DETERMINATION TO UNDERTAKE A COMPREHENSIVE ASSAULT ON THIS PROBLEM BY:

--INCREASING OUR FINANCIAL COMMITMENT TO HELP CLOSE ASIA'S GROWING FOOD GAP.

--EXPANDING OUR LONG-TERM PL-480 AND OTHER FORMS OF AID TO FOOD-DEFICIT COUNTRIES LIKE INDONESIA IF THEY TAKE PRACTICAL STEPS TO INCREASE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY.

--OFFERING THE USE OF LANDSAT C AND D SATELLITES TO

HELP ASSESS REGIONAL ECOLOGICAL PROBLEMS.

--FOCUSSING OUR BILATERAL AID IN SOUTHEAST ASIA MORE
SHARPLY ON INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

--IMPROVING INTERNATIONAL FOOD SECURITY BY CREATING
AN INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM OF NATIONALLY-HELD FOOD
RESERVES TO MEET INTERNATIONAL SHORTAGES.

(3) WE MUST PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATE
SOURCES OF ENERGY. IF SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES--
APART FROM INDONESIA--HAVE ONLY MODEST OIL RESERVES,
THEY HAVE ABUNDANT SUPPLIES OF NATURAL GAS, COAL,
URANIUM, AND GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES. THEIR RAPID
DEVELOPMENT WILL ENHANCE OUR ENERGY SECURITY AND THAT
OF OUR FRIENDS WHILE SLOWING THE UPWARD PRESSURE ON
OIL PRICES. OUR INTERESTS, THEREFORE, COMPEL US TO
FIND NEW WAYS TO USE OUR TECHNOLOGY TO ASSIST LOCAL
DEVELOPMENT OF INDIGENOUS ENERGY RESOURCES.

IN THE COURSE OF MY TRIP I, THEREFORE, INDICATED:

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--AMERICA'S WILLINGNESS TO UTILIZE TECHNICAL TEAMS
FROM OUR DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY TO HELP ASSESS REGIONAL
ENERGY RESOURCES, STRENGTHEN ENERGY PLANNING, AND
IDENTIFY NEW AREAS FOR CONCRETE COLLABORATION.

--OUR INTEREST IN EXPANDING COOPERATION IN THE
DEVELOPMENT OF CONVENTIONAL AND NON-CONVENTIONAL FUELS.

--OUR RECOGNITION THAT A FORMAL CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM
MIGHT FACILITATE DEEPER ENERGY COOPERATION WITH ASEAN
ON ENERGY MATTERS.

--OUR BELIEF THAT THE AMERICAN PRIVATE SECTOR REMAINS
THE MOST SKILLFUL IN THE WORLD AT DEVELOPING NEW SOURCES
OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS.

THE IRS TAX RULING, WHICH I CONVEYED TO INDONESIA'S
LEADERS, WILL DOUBLESS UNLEASH A NEW
BURST OF EXPLORATORY ACTIVITY EXPLORATION FOR NEW OIL.

(4) WE MUST PRESERVE ASIA'S ACCESS TO CAPITAL ON
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FAVORABLE TERMS. OUR BILATERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
REMAIN IMPORTANT TO SUCH KEY SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES
AS THE PHILIPPINES, THAILAND, AND INDONESIA. EACH
FACES STAGGERING PROBLEMS OF RURAL POVERTY AND
UNEMPLOYMENT; EACH FACES THE NEED TO EXPAND MEDICAL
SERVICES; EACH IS ATTEMPTING TO EXPAND FOOD
PRODUCTIVITY. THESE DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES REFLECT
THE NEW DIRECTIONS IN OUR AID PROGRAM. WE SHALL WORK
WITH OTHER DONORS AND RECIPIENTS TO SEE THAT THESE
OBJECTIVES ARE MET.

MEANWHILE, WE WILL CONTINUE TO SHIFT THE EMPHASIS IN
OUR DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE EFFORTS TO MULTILATERAL
INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS THE ADB TO WHICH I CONFIRMED
PRESIDENT CARTER'S DECISION TO CONTRIBUTE DOLS 445
MILLION TO THE 1979-1982 REPLENISHMENT PROGRAM. THIS
SHOULD HELP ASSURE ADEQUATE FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT
PLANS IN THE REGION.

(5) WE SHALL ENCOURAGE THE INCREASINGLY INFLUENTIAL
ROLE OF THE U.S. PRIVATE SECTOR IN PROMOTING ASIAN
DEVELOPMENT FOR OUR MUTUAL BENEFIT. I MET WITH
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN ASIA
LAST SATURDAY IN JAKARTA. MY MESSAGE WAS TO THE

POINT: WE WANT OUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THE PACIFIC; WE WANT THEIR ROLE TO GROW AND THEIR COMPANIES TO PROSPER. THE ADMINISTRATION IS IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING A COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY FOR INCREASING OUR EXPORTS. AMONG THE PRIORITY TASKS IS THE REDUCTION OR ELIMINATION OF THESE GOVERNMENTAL PRACTICES WHICH UNDERCUT OUR COMPETITIVE POSITION.

(6) WE WILL CONTINUE TO NURTURE THE COHESION OF ASEAN.
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ONE OF THE MOST ENCOURAGING DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA IS THE EMERGENCE OF A COHESIVE ASEAN REGIONAL GROUP. BORN OF FEAR, THEY ARE DEVELOPING LINKS THAT REFLECT THE NEED FOR GREATER ECONOMIC COMPLEMENTARITY AND POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS. WE HAVE LONG ENJOYED CLOSE RELATIONS WITH THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF ASEAN. WE INTEND TO DEVELOP STRONGER TIES WITH THE ORGANIZATION ITSELF--THROUGH THE HOLDING OF EARLY U.S.-ASEAN CONSULTATIONS ON THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL, AND THROUGH OUR SUPPORT FOR PARTICULAR REGIONAL PROJECTS.

IT IS UP TO ASEAN'S LEADERS TO DEFINE THE FUTURE PATTERNS OF REGIONAL COOPERATION. BUT WE--IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER INTERESTED OUTSIDE POWERS SUCH AS JAPAN AND AUSTRALIA--ARE READY TO SUPPORT THEIR INITIATIVES.

NOR DO WE ANTICIPATE THAT OUR ENCOURAGEMENT OF ASEAN NEED LEAD TO A POLARIZATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIA BETWEEN INDOCHINA AND THE ASEAN COUNTRIES. WE HAVE NOT FALTERED IN OUR DECLARED WILLINGNESS TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH HANOI NOR WILL WE NOW. WE ARE READY IMMEDIATELY TO EXCHANGE EMBASSIES WITH HANOI AND DISMANTLE THE TRADE EMBARGO, BUT IN ORDER TO MOVE FORWARD THE VIETNAMESE SHOULD DROP THEIR DEMANDS FOR AID AS A PRECONDITION FOR NORMAL TIES. WE HAVE PUT FORWARD A REASONABLE PROPOSAL. WE SHALL PATIENTLY AWAIT A DEFINITIVE RESPONSE. SELDEN

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